

OFFICERS NEXT MEETING UP TO VETS

Julian Carr Is Among Those for Commander

SEEKS NEXT MEETING

Pronounce It Best They Ever Attended

The election of officers, choice of the next meeting and reports of four important committees were in order when the United Confederate Veterans, on the second day of their thirty-second annual reunion got down to business today.

The committees are those on the Abbey, the historical committee on resolutions and the memorial committee. The resolutions and recommendations of these committees will have to do with the adjustments of the past and plans for the future of the veteran organization in connection with memorials, monuments, parks and provisions for veterans and widows of veterans.

Memorial exercises, in which the officers and members of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association will participate, will be conducted tomorrow. The forenoon program will be concluded with a business session. The election of officers and choice of next year's reunion city are scheduled for late today. Three names have been mentioned prominently in connection with the post of commander. They are General Julian Carr, incumbent; Colonel William Haldeman, Louisville, Ky., commander of the Kentucky Orphans Brigade; and General William B. Freeman, Richmond, commander of the Virginia division, U. C. V.

While General Haldeman is not an early candidate, it was understood that his name will be presented for admiring comrades. The Kentucky has publicly announced that it does not care for the honor; that its greatest ambition is to bring about the completion of the Jefferson Davis monument at Fairview, Ky., upon which \$30,000 already has been expended, and to which Colonel Haldeman has given much time and interest.

Close friends of General Carr declare he will be a candidate to succeed himself. At the same time it is understood unofficially that General Freeman will not be adverse to having his name presented. He has been identified prominently with veteran activities in Virginia and is widely known by comrades throughout the South.

Among the cities which are being prominently mentioned for the next reunion are Jacksonville, Fla., and New Orleans. Others are Nashville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., and Dallas, Texas. Dallas already has put in a bid for the headquarters of the United States of Confederate Veterans which will be decided on today or tomorrow.

The sons were having their third day's session today, which was scheduled to continue throughout the day. Election of officers and reports from important committees are on their program.

Judge Edgar Scurry, Wichita Falls, Texas, last night announced through Assistant Carl Hinton, of the Sons, that he will decline to stand for reelection to the post of commander in chief. Among the names being mentioned today for the position are those of W. McDonald Lee, of Irving, Va., state commissioner of game and inland fisheries, and Dr. Garnett King, of Fredericksburg, Va.

Six Dead in Auto Accident Wintered in South Florida

(By Associated Press) Fort Lauderdale, Fla., June 21.—The six persons killed in a railroad crossing accident late yesterday at Loraine, twelve miles from Macon, Ga., had spent seven months near here, it was learned today, and started three weeks ago in an automobile for the north. The husband of Mrs. Levenia Cox, one of the victims, left three months ago for West Virginia. During their stay in Florida they had rented and lived on a place three miles from Fort Lauderdale.

CREST OF FLOOD IN RIO GRANDE COMES TONIGHT

Tremendous Damage Is Feared Along Lower River

(By Associated Press) San Antonio, Texas, June 21.—The critical stage in the lower Rio Grande valley flood, which has inundated nearly 16,000 acres in Starr, Hidalgo and Cameron counties, marooned nearly 1,000 Mexicans in small border towns, and covered the roads leading west of Mercedes, is expected between midnight tonight and dawn Thursday when the crest of the upper flood is due to reach the edge of Starr county.

This flood, the result of a cloudburst in the hills of Terrell county, Texas, last Saturday, is remarkable in the history of the river, not only because it has exceeded all previous records, but also because of its slow movement and sustained volume.

From a stream normally 200 to 300 yards wide and 18 inches to six feet deep, the Rio Grande has become 50 feet deep at the flood crest and from three quarters to a mile wide. The flood crests appears to be moving at five miles an hour, which will bring it to the lower valley after midnight tonight.

Those familiar with the lower Rio Grande valley, much of which is barely above sea level, fear that the upper flood will spread far beyond all previous overflow marks. Great damage is feared for the growing crops. The section now is supplying many cantaloupes to northern markets and in recent years has developed into a large producer of early vegetables. The truck farms are irrigated by canals supplied by pumping from the Rio Grande and in time of flood these canals become a menace.

San Salvador Again Visited by Disaster of Storm and Flood

Mexico City, June 21.—San Salvador, capital of the republic of El Salvador, was visited by another heavy storm and flood on Monday, a considerable portion of the city being inundated, with many deaths and much property loss, according to wireless advices received by way of Salina Cruz.

NEW YORK POLICE HAVE MEN WANTED BY MIAMI COPPERS

(By Associated Press) New York, June 21.—The police today notified the Miami police they had under surveillance two men among the three indicted May 31 by the Dade county grand jury on charges of swindling Peter R. Nicholson out of \$120,000 in a fake race horse scheme.

RECLAIMED DESERT PIONEERING EPIC; DANGER OF FLOODS

Imperial Valley Is in Fear of Menace of Mountain Waters

HEAVY MOUNTAIN SNOW Responsible for Rising Waters Sweeping Down River

(By United Press) El Centro, Cal., June 21.—The most serious flood threat of years hangs over the 50,000 residents and \$73,000,000 in property of Imperial Valley as the Colorado river rises toward the critical stage expected June 23 to 30.

The peril is due to an exceptionally heavy winter snowfall in the upper river region. The snow thus far has been slowly liberated, but a protracted warm spell would send it down upon the delta country in a destructive deluge.

Despite new flood defenses, considerable preliminary run-off and failure of early waters to reach the stage officially forecasted, the valley is uneasy and is preparing for an emergency.

Dread of being wiped out haunts Imperial Valley, largest and richest reclaimed area in America. It is to eliminate this annually recurring menace that Southern California first urged the flood-control dam at Boulder canyon. Until that is erected, the valley insists, there can be no permanent security.

Build Empire From Desert. The reclamation and settlement of this area, once a blazing desert, a death trap and declared uninhabitable by the government, is one of the world's pioneering epics. Dauntless spirit and engineering genius by the magic of diverted water here created an empire of the size of Connecticut.

Thirst, fierce heat, sand blasts, loneliness, life in tents by men and women who would not be beaten—that was the picture two decades ago. But always these people have lived below the level of the river that seasonally threatens to engulf them.

For centuries the river has been building up its bed on silt until, encircling the valley, it rides in places like a skyscraper—high above adjacent ranches and towns, seeking weak spots to break through levees.

Valley Menaced in 1905-6. 1905-6 it went through, gashing a new channel into the heart of the valley and for weeks threatened to convert Imperial Valley into an ocean until it was literally lifted back into its bed by the Herculean efforts of the Southern Pacific railroad organization and an army of men at a cost of more than \$2,000,000.

Last year there were breaks causing considerable damage. This spring further up the river freshets inundated 40,000 acres and caused an estimated damage of more than \$1,000,000.

Working feverishly against the menace of heavy snows in Colorado and Wyoming, Imperial Valley recently completed the Pescadero cut, which at present is diverting two-thirds of the river flow away from the valley.

Unbroken Dyke Defense. Besides, an unbroken line of dyke defense for the first time has been constructed covering weak spots on the levees.

The government flood prediction set at June 23 anticipates a high water stage of 27 feet at Yuma, with a discharge of 110,000 second feet of water or less than half the volume earlier predicted because of slow mountain run-off.

COUNCIL PETITIONS UTILITY COMPANY TO CUT ICE PRICES

City Attorney Instructed to Proceed for Lower Current

REMEDY FOR SEWERS Sanitary Ordinance to Be Enforced Where Drain Stopped

Unanimously passing a resolution asking the Southern Utilities company to reduce its prices to a level of those of other cities, instructing the city attorneys to proceed at once with the prosecution of cases against the same company for observance of its lighting franchises, referring to the street and sewer committee and city engineer plans for correcting causes of recent flooding of the city's streets and instructing the city health officer to order all natural drains in the city cleared, council put in a busy session last night.

In addition to these important matters council transacted a mass of routine. E. W. Mann presented the library report, following which Howell Davis called attention to the conditions in the streets during the recent rains, especially around his home. He explained the causes of this and asked a remedy be applied. The matter, after much discussion, was referred to the street and sewer committee in connection with the city engineer.

Chairman Jarrett, of the finance committee, said that at a recent meeting of the committee it had been decided to borrow a sufficient amount of money at 8 per cent to finish the paving on Thirteenth street, connecting it up with the paving just finished in the Heights. The committee was authorized to borrow the needed money, and the work will proceed immediately.

Mr. Jarrett also explained that the city attorneys had agreed to take over the collection of back taxes, the records of which were in miserable shape, provided the year allowed a small sum for clerical help for a period, and are given the penalties which accrue on each claim. This proposition was accepted, and the work is already under way. Many thousands of dollars due the city, it is believed, can be collected.

Mr. Jarrett reported that the committee had not yet been able to prepare an intelligent report on the reported shortage in the accounts in the clerk's office, as the auditor has not yet completed his work. A portion of the audit was submitted and filed.

Council spent several minutes arranging to include the volunteer firemen in the refund of the 2 per cent they were charged by banks when their pay vouchers were cashed some time ago during the financial stringency in the city's treasury. Three or four dollars were involved, Alderman Johnson said, and he moved that it be paid, after suggesting that it was such a small matter to each fireman that he thought there should not have been a claim.

Too Many Searchlight Batteries. Alderman Mullis provoked considerable discussion of the city's methods of purchasing when he asked for instructions as to what should be permitted in this line. He said that the police department had purchased batteries during the last month "from here to there," indicating a space of about four feet on the council table. "I want to know whether or not the police should be allowed to buy a battery every time they think they need one."

It developed that the ordinances make no provision as to how purchased.

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phone, men, machinery and material are concentrated on the threatened spot with military precision. Women carry on field work while men battle raging waters.

It's an old story in Imperial Valley, where a battle and a march behind the plow have won 500,000 acres of irrigated land, \$50,000,000 in annual produce and the world's richest soil production by the acre from what 25 years ago was an inferno.

CATS GET EARLY START AND TRIM PALS IN SECOND

Two Loose Plays Start Victory for Visiting Players

LUNK BALL DID WORK Whitney Used Prayer to Help Slow Ball Across

Fortuitous circumstances butted in at the wrong place in yesterday's humid encounter between the Pals and the Cats, resulting in a decision for the Brick City athletes by a 4-2 score.

The Cats were given a royal send-off in the first when a couple of the easiest kind of bobbles placed two perspiring toilers on the bags where they could be waited home by Mr. Van Lindingham's circuit drive over the fence. After that Mr. Sanford decided to do all the work himself, being a union man, and cut a merry pace for the Cats until the fourth, when a pair of singles, properly interspersed with a sacrifice and an infield out, counted one more for the visitors. After that the great vulcanizer stopped thinking about Pete's punctured shirt and fed the Cats from his palm.

As we have ventured in another column, the hazard is what makes the old game grip, and take it out of B.B. and it's no good. So when Mr. Van Lindingham toed the pan in the opener with two of his men wigwagging for a safety, he might not have it and he might if there had been no pleading faces within his view. Be that as it may, Van landed and we sum the game in that blow.

Both Mr. Peters and Mr. Quinn profited by the old shut, but the refused to pass it around and Mr. Whitney got away with his lunk ball and prayer. The worse they are the harder they beat the Pals, it seems to some of the experts. If Mr. Whitney were to throw the ball against a cobweb it would probably rebound and break his neck.

Taylor, first up for the visitors in (Continued on Page 4)

HILLSBOROUGH TO ISSUE \$3,000,000 BONDS FOR ROADS

Believed to Be Record for One Issue South Mason-Dixon Line

Tampa, June 21.—By a majority of about 1,200 the voters of Hillsborough county yesterday approved the proposed issue of \$3,000,000 for the construction of about 150 miles of paved road in all parts of Hillsborough county. The program also includes construction of a sea wall along Hillsborough bay to Ballast point and construction of a 200-foot boulevard from Tampa to Ballast point and around the inter-bay peninsula.

The bond issue was backed by every business men's organization in Tampa. Efforts of a taxpayers' league to defeat the bond issue were unavailing, although a hard fight was made.

So far as can be learned, the issue of \$3,000,000 of road bonds is the largest ever authorized at a general election in any county south of the Mason and Dixon line.

Mrs. Olsen Named Nominee to Senate by the Democrats

(By Associated Press) St. Paul, Minn., June 21.—Returns from Minnesota's state-wide primary Monday were sufficiently near completion today to show Mrs. Anna Dickie Olsen far in the lead of Mrs. Thomas Meighen, her nearest opponent for the democratic nomination for United States senator.

Women's Federation Stands for Uniform Laws for Divorces

(By Associated Press) Chautauque, N. Y., June 21.—An amendment to the federal constitution for a uniform marriage and divorce law will be considered at the biennial convention of the general federation of Women's clubs which opens here today.

The tentative draft of the amendment proposes four causes for divorce: physical or mental cruelty, proven infidelity, desertion for one year or more and habitual drunkenness.

EAST SIDE HUNT FOR SLAYER OF LAST OF BOSSES

"Dinnie" Sullivan Dies From the Effects of Assault

(By Associated Press) New York, June 21.—Hundreds of residents on the lower East Side today joined in the search for the hold-up men whose blackjacks caused the death of "Dinnie" Sullivan, of the powerful Sullivan clan, political rulers of the Bowery for Tammany Hall.

"Dinnie" was found some time ago lying unconscious a few doors from the home of his brother, Representative "Florie" Sullivan, just off the Bowery. The shock of the assault resulted in the death of the elderly political leader.

"Dinnie" Sullivan, 49 years ago, was one of the advisers of John Y. McKane, political boss of Coney Island, whose career ended in Sing Sing, and was captain of detectives there. He was a member of the powerful group led by "Big Tim" Sullivan, that once ruled the old Eighth assembly district, from City Hall to Fourteenth street, and even made Tammany Hall bow to the dictates of the Sullivans.

He was 62 years old and many of those who paid him tribute told tales of fortunes made for friends in the old days when politics were rougher than they are now, but when friendships seemed stronger because of more strenuous times.

"Dinnie" will be buried today, and behind his coffin will walk men of all races and creeds paying a final tribute to one of the last of the old-time political leaders.

Jacksonville Wife Turns to Husband After the Murder

(By Associated Press) Jacksonville, June 21.—According to her statement to police authorities Mrs. Ethel Newman, young wife of Gaither Newman, who was shot and killed by W. A. Burney, 31, furniture salesman, will "stick by her husband" and whatever steps the state will take to prosecute him.

Mrs. Newman visited her husband in the Duval county jail yesterday, engaged in a long conversation with him and also went to police headquarters and talked with officials there.

"I am going to stick to my husband," the young woman told the police. "I think he had cause to shoot Burney, and, under the circumstances, I cannot blame him."

Mrs. Newman was carrying her infant when she appeared at police headquarters. While she declared she would remain steadfast to her husband during his present difficulty, she still denies emphatically that there was an "affair" between her and Burney.

"Burney did not put his arms around me when he came into the kitchen at our home, where he was shot," she stated. "Burney certainly did not kiss me, and the statement that he did so is no true."

OLD SALTS CLAIM PORPOISE CAUSED SWIMMER'S DEATH

Wounds Identical With Those Inflicted on Fish

ARE GREAT FIGHTERS Known to Be Masters of the Shark in Water Battles

(By Associated Press) St. Petersburg, June 21.—Belief that a porpoise was responsible for the fatal attack on Miss Dorothy McClatchie, at the mile busy Saturday, was expressed freely by several old-time guides on the waterfront Monday afternoon.

The theory that Miss McClatchie met her death from the attack of a shark or barracuda was put forward by some of the guides, but was not substantiated by proof.

It was argued that if the attacking fish had been a shark the girl's leg would have been taken off at the first strike and afterwards the shark would have returned and killed the other girl in the water. The barracuda theory was doubted from the fact that few barracuda have been seen in Tampa bay during the summer and none caught. Had there been barracuda in these waters, guides argued, anglers would have made some report of them, as the fish strikes readily at spoons and other kinds of bait.

Porpoise a Fighter. That the porpoise is a fighting fish is proven in the fact that no sharks are found in the waters near where porpoise are feeding. Local guides and many persons who fish from the pier can recall many instances where they have witnessed battles between the shark and porpoise, in which the porpoise was always the victor. Veteran guides say it is a known fact that the porpoise can kill any fish in the bay, including the shark.

The porpoise gets its prey by swimming under the fish, slashing it through with its tusks, flipping the fish into the air with a quick turn of its head. Persons on the pier have reported this on several occasions and porpoises have been seen to eat fish weighing as much as 100 pounds in this manner. The porpoise fish like killed by swimming under and ripping it open, guides say.

On the attack of a porpoise on a swimmer last Saturday night in St. Petersburg, it was not possible, according to the guides, to tell whether the porpoise was put to flight by the shark or whether the shark was killed by the porpoise. Caufield said he had witnessed the attack of porpoise on other fish and even pulled in fish which had been hit by the porpoise. The fish were slashed in the same manner as the wound on Miss McClatchie's leg, being a clean cut to the bone.

Judge E. M. Burk, who for more than three years practically lived on the water, said he had gone through the experience of having had hooked fish attacked by porpoises. "On one occasion," Judge Burk said, "Caufield and I were fishing for red fish on the other side of the bay. I had a red fish hooked which weighed about 15 pounds. I had brought it to the boat and had hold of the leader lifting it into the boat when a big porpoise flashed through the water, striking the fish a side blow. When I drew the fish in the boat, I discovered it had been cut almost in half by the fangs of the porpoise. It was a clean cut and was identical to the descriptions of the wounds of Miss McClatchie."

The majority of the local fishermen regard the porpoise as harmless and some even regard the mammal as an omen of good luck. It is a general opinion among seafaring men that a porpoise will roll a dead human body to shore.

Although the porpoise has never been known to attack a human being (Continued on Page 4)